

II. REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11, 12, 14-20, 24, 25, 30-32, 39, and 64-97 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1-12, 14-20, 24, 25, 30-32, 39, and 64-97 were examined. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 20, 24, 25, 30-32, 39, 64-70, 72-87, and 89-97 are allowed. Claims 2, 8, 10, 71, and 88 were objected to.

Claims 71 and 88 are amended. The amendments to the claims were made solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, and are not to be construed as acquiescence to any objection or rejection of any claim. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Claims 2, 8, and 10 are canceled without prejudice to renewal, without intent to acquiesce to any rejection, and without intent to surrender any subject matter encompassed by the canceled claims. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

Sequence compliance

The Office Action stated that the application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825; and stated that sequences are set forth in Figure 12 that lack sequence identifiers.

Figures 12A-C depict sequences that, as shown in Figure 12C, are designated SEQ ID NO:23 and SEQ ID NO:24. As such, the instant application is in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825.

Claim objections

Claims 2, 8, 10, 71, and 88 were objected to.

The Office Action stated that claims 2, 8, 10, 71, and 88 fail to further limit the subject matter of the claim from which they depend.

Without conceding as to the correctness of this objection, claims 2, 8, and 10 are cancelled without prejudice to renewal; and claims 71 and 88 are amended as shown above.

Applicants submit that the objection to claims 2, 8, 10, 71, and 88 has been adequately addressed in view of the remarks set forth above. The Examiner is thus respectfully requested to withdraw the objection.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number BERK-032.

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